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Councilwoman Portia West
Deputy Mayor

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You are correct. Thank you.

Ken

On Feb 15, 2024, at 12:26 PM, Portia West <Pwest@chestercity.com> wrote:

Ken,

This is the first written opinion that I have received from you regarding members of Council participating on a paid board.

This matter was researched some time ago and it was decided that myself and a former Councilperson could serve on the SWA Board. I am having this issue researched and will have an answer soon.

If it turns out to be that I was ill advised; I will take the necessary steps to be in compliance.

Councilwoman Portia West
Deputy Mayor

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From: Ken Schuster <ken@schusterlaw.com>
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Mayor/Council: During my tenure as Solicitor I have been asked several times whether a member of Council can hold any position on a paying local state or federal board or authority. My opinion as Solicitor has consistently been that a member of Council may not hold any position on a paying board or authority. My opinion is predicated on the Home Rule Charter Section 203 entitled Prohibitions which provides in pertinent part that " This prohibition shall not include a nonpaying position with any local , state or federal board or authority. Reimbursement of expenses shall not be considered compensation." (see attached Home Rule Charter). While this section regarding Prohibitions is silent as to whether a member of Council may hold a position on a paying board or authority , the language which expressly permits a nonpaying position only clearly prohibits a paying position under any reasonable interpretation of the law. I firmly believe that my reading of this section of the Home Rule Charter is correct and my opinion remains unchanged. By way of example during the past administration I was asked whether the Mayor could be appointed to the CWA , a paying authority , and my unequivocal opinion was he could not hold a paying position on this authority while serving as Mayor and the nomination was withdrawn. I understand that members of council have been advised by outside counsel that it is permissible for a member of Council to hold a paying board or authority seat but I must respectfully disagree for the reasons outlined herein. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter with each and every Council member in executive session as a group or privately as soon as possible. As always, I am available by phone at 610-937-1800 or email . Thank you.

Ken